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SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION YT 671, 4 FEB 69, REVEALS CONTINUED ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE PETROLEUM PIPE SYSTEM IN LAOS AT 172415N 1054135E (UTM WE737243). PRESENTLY OBSERVED ACTIVITY CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF RECENT TRENCHING DUG IN A ROUGHLY RECTANGULAR PATTERN ENCLOSING AN AREA BETWEEN UTM'S WE733243, WE 737245, WE739241, AND WE739239. THIS AREA IS LOCATED IN A FLAT OPEN FIELD ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF A KARST FORMATION. AN ADDITIONAL SHORT SPUR APPARENTLY LEAVES THE MAIN PIPE LINE UNDER DENSE TREE CANOPY JUST NORTHEAST OF THIS ACTIVITY NEAR WE728244 AND EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST, ENDING AT WE728248.
NO PIPE HAS YET BEEN EMPLACED IN THIS TRENCHING. THE RECTANGULAR PATTERN OBSERVED AT THIS LOCATION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF UNDERGROUND PIPE SERVED PETROLEUM STORAGE AREAS IN NORTH VIETNAM; HOWEVER, NO STORAGE TANKS ARE OBSERVED AT THIS TIME.
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